

SENATE BILL 868

By Black

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39,
relative to criminal offenses.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-15-401(b), is amended by deleting the language “abuses or” and by deleting the language “abused or”.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-15-401(b) is further amended by deleting the language “Class E” and substituting instead the language “Class D”.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-15-401 is amended by inserting the following as a new subsection (c) and by designating the existing subsection (c) and remaining subsections accordingly:

(c) Any person who knowingly endangers the health and welfare of a child under eighteen (18) years of age commits a Class A misdemeanor, provided that if the endangered child is six (6) years of age or less, the penalty is a Class E felony.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009, the public welfare requiring it.